



CITY OF DUPONT'S WEEKLY BITS & BYTES

Friday, December 8, 2023

Parks and Recreation



Let's light the tree!

Many thanks to our local families and businesses who helped us light our community Christmas tree at the Annual Tree Lighting on December 1. Special thanks to the Chloe Clark Choir and Valor School of Dance for their festive performances, despite the blistery conditions! Another shout out to Mince Mercantile for providing homemade cookies and cocoa for the event! It truly was a community event.



Annual Santa Breakfast

Many thanks to the Home Course for hosting another sold out Santa Breakfast this year. It was nice to see families gather together to spend time with Santa. Special thanks to the Mince Mercantile for providing homemade gingerbread cookies to all participants. The city would also like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring tables at this year's event:

Mince Mercantile, Anytime Fitness, Home Team - DuPont, Lisa Bullock - Bright Now Dental, Isabella Colvin - Revolution Mortgage, The Association of The United States Army, and American Legion Auxiliary Pat Tillman Post 53.



Parks and Recreation

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NEW YEARS SENIOR LUNCHEON

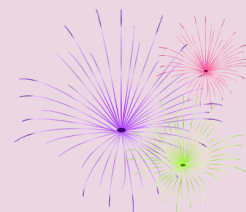
Celebrate the New Year with us!
Bring a friend or make a new one!

JANUARY 26, 2024 | 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Join us for lunch, warm drinks
and new friendships!

\$10 Please RSVP by calling
253-964-8121
by Jan 22. Payment at door.

Community Center
303 Barksdale Ave.
DuPont, WA



2024 Senior Social

Ring in the new year right at the Parks & Recreation New Year Senior Social scheduled for January 26th at the Community Center in Historic Village. The cost is just \$10 and includes lunch, warm drinks, raffles and an opportunity to catch up with friends around town. Please RSVP to City Hall at (253) 964-8121 no later than January 22nd. To simplify the registration process for our seniors, payment will be accepted at the door. (cash or card) Be sure to bring your friends, we can't wait to see you!

[Adults & Seniors | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/adults-seniors)

City of DuPont
Parks & Recreation

**Is currently seeking creative
and talented instructors for
classes and workshops**

We are looking for fun, energetic
individuals who would love to teach
classes for Parks & Recreation AND
earn a little money while doing it!

Questions? Please contact Amy Walker at
awalker@dupontwa.gov

We can't wait to hear from you!

[Recreation & Activities | DuPont, WA -
Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/recreation-activities)

2023/2024 Dance Classes

Registration for the 2023/2024 dance season is open with Valor School of Dance! Parks & Recreation is pleased to partner with Valor for another year of quality dance instruction for our families right here in DuPont at our Community Center in historic DuPont. Our dance program continues to grow at astonishing rates and we are expanding our programs to meet the need. Registration info can be found here: [Classes | DuPont, WA - Official Website \(dupontwa.gov\)](https://www.dupontwa.gov/classes)

SAVE THE DATE

CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP

SUMMER 2024 DATES June 24-28
AGES 3 - 14 July 22-26

@ DuPont
PowderWorks Park

DuPont Historical Museum



Next Board Game Day is December 17th!

City News

CARDBOARD & GLASS RECYCLING BINS

Cardboard and glass recycling bins are located across City Hall in the gravel lot.

Please NO garbage, lids, corks or styrofoam in these containers.

In the glass container -please ensure the glass has been rinsed with no lids/corks or bags.

In the cardboard container-, please NO packing materials. Also, please be courteous and make sure boxes are folded flat so they will fit into the container.

Check out the following links from [Pierce County](#) below for helpful recycling and reducing waste information.

* [Recycling & Garbage](#)

* [Why Can't I Recycle....](#)

* [Shred Events](#)



UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on the following upcoming days:

- Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day.
- Monday, January 1st, New Year's Day.
- Monday, January 15th, in celebration of MLK Day.





AUGUST 2023

I-5 - Mounts Rd. to Steilacoom-DuPont Rd. Corridor Improvements

Beginning in late summer 2023, contractor crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation will begin construction on Interstate 5 in DuPont near Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is the third in a series of projects that widens I-5 to add HOV lanes between DuPont and Lakewood.

Improvements coming to DuPont and JBLM

In addition to extending the I-5 HOV lanes, construction crews will make improvements that enhance mobility and safety in DuPont and near the JBLM DuPont Gate at exit 119, including:

- A new bridge spanning I-5 and the railroad. The new bridge will feature a partial Diverging Diamond Interchange and a shared-use path for pedestrians and bicyclists between JBLM and DuPont.
- Direct access between JBLM and both directions of I-5.
- A new roundabout connecting Steilacoom-DuPont Road and the new overpass.

The project will also add a new signal at the intersection of the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Mounts Road (exit 116) and improve the I-5 vertical clearance over Pendleton Avenue.

What you can expect

Construction will begin in summer 2023 and is expected to be complete in 2026. The project consists of multiple stages that involve overnight and weekend ramp closures, lane shifts onto temporary pavement, potential speed limit reductions, and bicycle and pedestrian detours. Crews will contain dust and debris to the construction site and will minimize noise as much as practical. Clear signage will indicate required detours throughout the project.



The project extends HOV lanes in both directions into DuPont.

Stay connected

Follow us on Twitter [@WSDOT_Tacoma](https://twitter.com/WSDOT_Tacoma)

Check out our Facebook page: facebook.com/WSDOT

Project hotline: 206-467-2171

Scan the QR code or visit: wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/i-5-mounts-rd-steilacoom-dupont-rd-corridor-improvements



For updated weekly ramp and lane closure schedules, visit: wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/

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Title VI Notice to Public: It is the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) policy to assure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protection has been violated, may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our non-discrimination obligations, please contact OECR's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7090. 23-08-0293

WSDOT: I-5 Mounts Rd to Steilacoom-DuPont Road Corridor Improvements outreach links:

Online open house:

<https://engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-5-mounts-to-steilacoom-dupont-rd/>

WSDOT Blog:

<https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2023/09/i-5-hov-dupont-jblm.html>

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIDRY3j6DNI&t=1s>

The WSDOT Facebook page also has a post linking the blog and online open house:

<https://www.facebook.com/WSDOT/>



CITY OF DUPONT WATER MAIN FLUSHING



The City of DuPont periodically flushes the pipes in our water system to remove rust and sediment, which helps ensure you receive clean, reliable water. Flushing forces high-velocity flows through the pipes and out through fire hydrants. Along with scouring the inside of water mains, this also helps us find and repair malfunctioning valves and hydrants before they cause problems. Water department crews will likely begin flushing in October 2023 and should complete the program in early 2024.

What to Expect-

- During flushing, you might see utility crews working at hydrants and valves in intersections and at the end of cul-de-sacs.
- Your water pressure may decrease during flushing, and you may see discoloration. This is temporary, not harmful and should clear up quickly.
- Avoid running the tap or turning on appliances that use water, such as dishwashers and clothes washers, when flushing is happening in your area.
- If you get discolored water or find sediment in your water, remove any aerators from your faucets and run the cold tap for a few minutes or until the water runs clear.
- Make sure your first load of laundry after flushing is dark clothes only.

If you have questions during normal business hours about our flushing programs, or if your water does not clear up within a short time after flushing is completed, please contact our Water Quality Section at (253) 964-8121 or publicworks@dupontwa.gov.

After business hours, call the Public Works Afterhours Emergency Contact Line at (253) 912-5389.

2024 License Renewal Information:

As the 2023 year comes to an end, the rental housing business licenses and pet licenses for the City of DuPont will need to be renewed for 2024. All licenses are renewed through our online portal, SmartGov. Renewal notices will be automatically emailed to existing license holders. Please add noreply@smartgovcommunity.com to your safe senders list and check your junk email folders for those notices coming soon.



Want a natural tree in your business?

Naturally cut trees are allowed in your business when done properly!

- The trunk bottoms must be cut off not less than 1/2 inch above the original cut.
- The tree needs to be placed in a support device. The device shall hold the tree securely and be of adequate size to avoid tipping over the tree.
- The support device needs to hold the proper amount of water per the chart to the right.
- The tree must be removed from the building whenever the needles or leaves fall off readily when a tree branch is shaken or if the needles are brittle and break when bent. The tree shall be checked daily for dryness.

For any questions, you may contact the local Building Official, Ray Shipman at 253-912-5216.



Support Stand Water Capacity

TREE STEM DIAMETER (Inches)	MINIMUM SUPPORT STAND WATER CAPACITY (gallons)
Up to 4	1
4 to 6	1 1/2
7 to 8	2
9 to 12	3
13 and over	4



STEILACOOM HISTORICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

DONATE TODAY!

SHEF CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF GIVING!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR SHEF 30th ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP!
This special scholarship will be funded fully by YOU – our community!

Join us in a celebration of 30 years of impact and to support a Steilacoom HS Graduating Senior.



Join us with a gift of \$30, \$130 or whatever you feel comfortable giving. Please select the Anniversary Scholarship in the donation process. To donate: Scan the QR code, go to our website Shefonline.com and scroll down to the donate button on the home page or send a check. Thank you for your support!

SHEF, P.O. Box 88576, Steilacoom, WA 98388. Please contact SHEFinfo@gmail.com with any questions.



SHEF is an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to encouraging and enabling excellence in education in the schools of the Steilacoom Historical School District. The Steilacoom Historical School District does not sponsor or endorse this event/information and the district assumes no responsibility for it.

THE DUPONT COMMUNITY GARDEN CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Christmas Cookie Sale

Sponsored by
The DuPont Community Garden



Order starting Nov. 27 for a two pound box of delicious homemade Christmas cookies (mixed variety). Limited supply available! We are taking orders until Dec. 11th or sold out. \$30 per box-cash or credit accepted. Your order supports our mission to provide fresh produce to the Lakewood and Thurston County food banks.

Email your order to: sales@dupontcommunitygarden.org. Leave your name, phone number, email address and number of boxes desired. Pick-up at the DCG garden located on Powerline Rd. off Center Dr. on Saturday Dec. 16 from 10 am to noon.

DuPont Fire Department

Response Information: The table below shows general responses. Details, if needed, are listed to better explain the response. The yellow highlighted areas in the "Current" column are statistics from the past week and the "Year" statistics include all responses since January 1st of this year.



(Category) Description	Details	Current	Year
(10) Fire, other			4
(11) Structure Fire			5
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire			7
(14) Natural vegetation fire			11
(15) Outside rubbish fire			0
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition			1
(30) Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS), other			2
(31) Medical assist			16
(32.1) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident		13	576
(32.2) Motor vehicle accident with injuries		1	38
(33) Lock-In			0
(35) Extrication, rescue			1
(36) Water or ice-related rescue			2
(40) Flammable gas or liquid condition, other			0
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks			6
(42) Chemical Release, reaction or toxic condition			3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem			1
(50) Service call, other			54
(51) Person in distress		3	12
(52) Water Problem			1
(53) Smoke, odor problem			2
(54) Animal problem or rescue			1
(55) Public service assistance			36
(56) Unauthorized burning			1
(60) Good intent call, other			10
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route		2	47
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found			2
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			12
(66) EMS call-transported by non-fire agency			1
(70) False alarm and false call, other		2	18
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm			4
(73) System or detector malfunction			31
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)		1	20
(91) Citizen complaint			2
Unknown			0
TOTALS		22	927

Transport	Current	Year
Allenmore		1
Madigan	4	119
Mary Bridge	1	64
St. Clare	2	124
St. Joseph	1	41
St. Peters	1	12
Tacoma General		18
TOTAL	9	379

ALS	10	391
BLS	3	221

Calls by time of day (8-hr blocks):		
0000-0759	5	197
0800-1649	11	438
1700-2359	6	292
TOTAL	22	927

Calls by day of the week:		
Sunday	1	107
Monday	2	108
Tuesday	7	132
Wednesday	4	167
Thursday	4	161
Friday	3	133
Saturday	1	119
TOTAL	22	927

Mutual Aid / Multiple Calls:		
DPF Received	2	68
DPF Provided	1	54
Multiple Calls	3	109

Safety Message - Practices for Driving on Wet, Rainy Roads

7 Best Practices for Driving on Wet, Rainy Roads

1. GET YOURSELF AND YOUR VEHICLE READY FOR THE ROAD

Make sure your car can handle the rain. Your tires should be properly inflated — which allows them to have the most traction on the road — and have enough tread.

If you put snow tires on your car during winter, swap them out once the snow has melted, because summer tires do a better job in rainy conditions, he adds.

2. MAKE SURE YOU CAN SEE AND BE SEEN

It's harder to drive safely in the rain because of limited visibility — especially at night — so test your windshield wipers. They should clean the glass in one swipe, with no streaks. If they're not performing well, you may need to purchase and install new wiper blades.

You're about twice as visible to other road users when your headlights are on, so anytime you drive — day or night, rain or shine — turn on the headlights, Van Tassel says.

3. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

In bad weather, drivers should leave more room between themselves and the car in front of them.

4. AVOID SUDDEN MOVEMENTS

Make gradual speed or steering changes and start slowing your vehicle by taking your foot off the gas earlier than you normally would before gently squeezing the brake pedal.

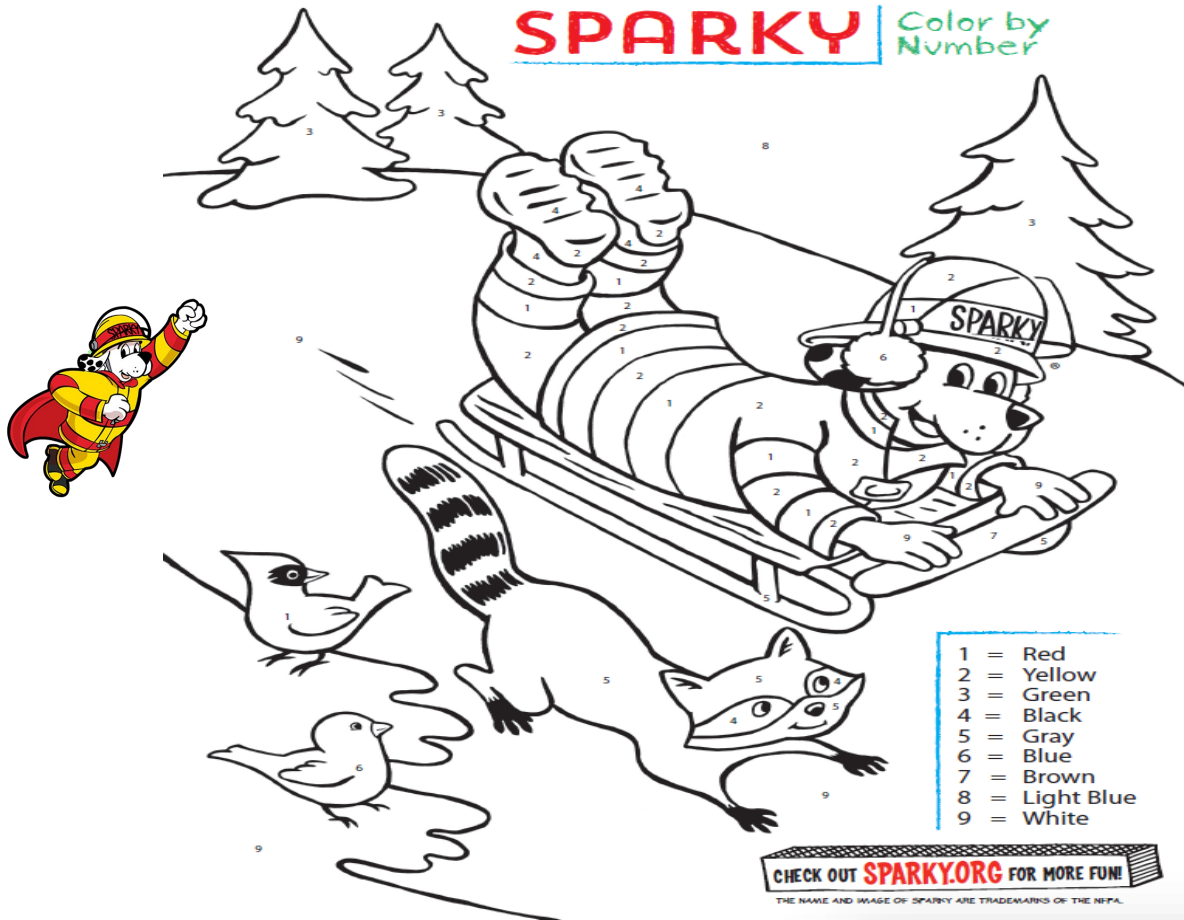
5. DON'T USE CRUISE CONTROL

6. SLOW DOWN

Most people drive too fast on wet roads, says Van Tassel. Tires can lose contact with a wet road at just 35 miles an hour, making it more difficult to control the car. Reducing your speed maximizes safety.

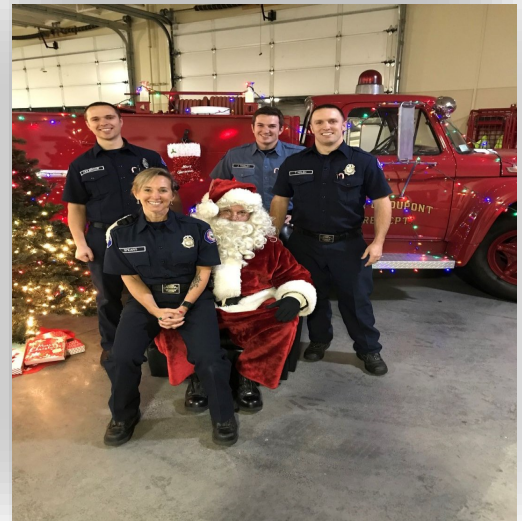
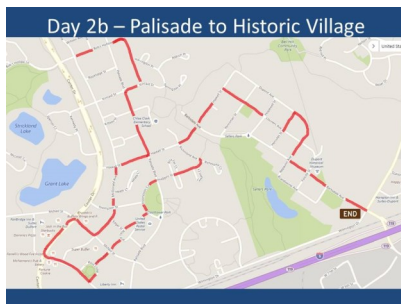
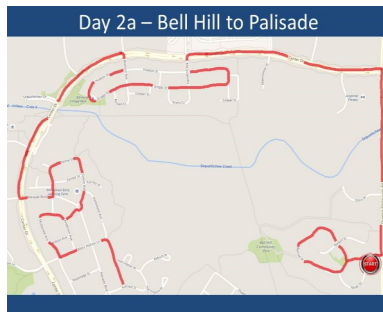
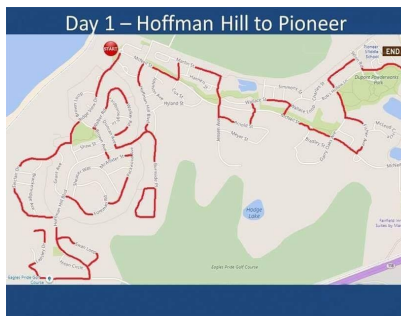
7. DON'T PANIC

Hydroplaning — when your tires float on a layer of water instead of the rubber meeting the road — can be frightening. "You can turn the steering wheel left or right, but the car's not going to respond, so it's a really dangerous situation to be in," says Van Tassel. "The first rule of thumb is, don't freak out."



Ho Ho Ho DuPont, Santa Claus is coming to town!

He is leaving his sled at the North Pole and will be traveling by way of a fire department rig on the 12th and 14th with an approximate start time of 6:00 PM. We look forward to seeing all those smiling faces!



SANTA IN THE BAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come see Santa in the Bay and have some hot chocolate and candy canes with the crew. Parents are welcome and encouraged to take photos of their children with Santa.

1780 Civic Dr. DuPont, WA 98327



Weekly Activity Report

*Duty * Professionalism * Dedication*



Total Calls for Service 11/27/23 – 12/03/23: 225
Average per day: 32.14

The "Total Calls for Service" statistic above includes, but is not limited to, the following incidents:

EMERGENCY & PATROL INCIDENTS

05 Agency Assist
05 Animal Complaints
08 Citizen Assist
01 Civil Issue
10 Community Oriented Policing
02 Domestic Violence - Verbal
01 Juvenile Issue
02 Motor Vehicle Collision
01 Narcotics Complaint
01 Special Emphasis
04 Suspicious Person
60 Traffic Stops
01 Traffic Complaint
04 Welfare Check

PROPERTY & OTHER CRIMES

01 Residential Burglary
01 Vandalism

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

01 Assault - No weapon (under investigation)



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Officers were present at the City of DuPont Annual Tree Lighting, providing public safety for all attendees.
- Speed emphases were conducted throughout the city.
- Officers participated in ongoing training.
- DuPont officers greeted students, parents, and staff at the local schools.

REPORTING AN INCIDENT? NEED AN OFFICER?

- To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
- To report a non-emergency, dial (253) 287-4455
- If you aren't sure, let us help you by dialing (253) 964-7060

If you have non-urgent questions, suggestions, want to file a complaint or commend a D.P.D. staff member, we appreciate the opportunity to assist you. You may reach us via email at Police@dupontwa.gov or by telephone at (253) 964-7060.

DOWNLOAD THE DUPONT POLICE APP TODAY!



City Council and Calendars

December 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting agenda items:

- Farewell to outgoing Councilmember Penny Coffey.
- Appointments for Agency members.
- Resolution No. 23-022 Approving the 2024 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Part A grant funding agreements.
- Resolution No. 23-023 Approving the IAFF Local 3829 CBA.
- Resolution No. 23-024 Amendment to the Pierce County Evidence Contract.
- Ordinance No. 23-1135 Regarding the Third Quarter 2023 Budget Amendment—1st Reading.
- Ordinance No. 23-1136 Regarding the Mid-Biennium budget - 2nd Reading.
- Study Session - Commercial and residential revenues received by the City of DuPont.
- Business Grant policy update.



Helpful Meeting Links:

- ◇ **City of DuPont Meetings** can be watched live or later at: City's YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-nrLK1wNfpq3_CeNJw40A).
- ◇ **Regular Council Meetings** can be watched live or later at the City's YouTube channel and/or at: Pierce County TV (<https://www.piercecountytv.org/1306/DuPont-Live-Meetings>).
- ◇ **Agendas**, once published, are officially posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and available at the following link: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/777/>.
- ◇ **Minutes**, after they are passed, are available at: <https://dupont.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/7/>.

Regular City Council meetings begin at 6:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

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Agenda**



Date	Time	UPCOMING MEETINGS
12/11/2023	5:00 PM	Tree Advisory Commission Meeting
12/11/2023	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting
12/12/2023	11:00 AM	Civil Service Commission-Canceled
12/12/2023	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
12/14/2023	12:00 pm - 2:00 PM	City Hall Closure for staff meeting
12/25/2023		City Hall CLOSED



Date	ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATE!	Location/Information
12/17/2023	Board Game Day	https://www.dupontmuseum.com/events
1/26/2024	Senior Luncheon	Adults & Seniors DuPont, WA - Official Website (dupontwa.gov)

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